

In re patent application of first named inventor: Alan Wightman

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For: Paper and Related Products of Improved Wet Expansion Profile

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir, enclosed herewith is (are):

- Response to Election/Restriction

It is hereby petitioned that any required extension of time be granted for filing the enclosed papers.

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